

## THE BRITISH TRANSPORT COMMISSION.

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The 1947 Transport Act heralded the nationalisation of the Railways and other major transport operations including Road Haulage and the Canals and Inland Waterways of the United Kingdom, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1948. The state-owned "British Transport Commission", responsible to the Ministry of Transport (created in 1919), was set up specifically to administer general transport policy and financial control through 'Executives'. Of interest to us are the following, three of which are known to have used perfins:

**Railway Executive (British Railways).**

**London Transport Executive.**

**Docks & Inland Waterways Executive.**

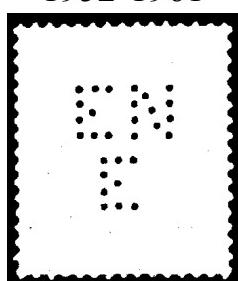
Road Haulage Executive. Road Passenger Executive.

Under the control of the Railway Executive, The 'Big Four' Railway Companies originally set up on 1/1/1923, became British Railways.

The Great Western Railway (GWR). The London, Midland & Scottish Railway (LMS). The London & North Eastern Railway (LNER). The Southern Railway (SR).

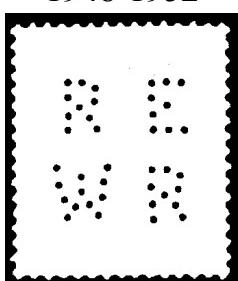
**The Railway Executive** - Eastern Region (formerly the LNER) used a die with the initials "EN/E", whereas the Western Region (formerly the GWR) used two dies with the initials "RE/WR". It is possible that the "EN/E" die is simply LNER's "LN/E" die (L4140.01M) modified by J Sloper & Co to read "EN/E" early on in 1952.

1952-1961



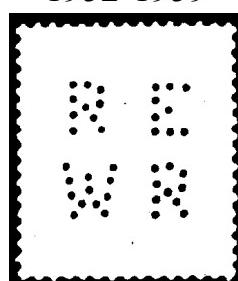
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1948-1952



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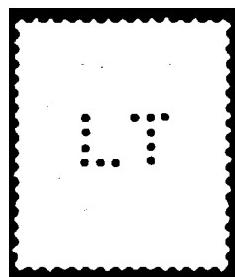
1952-1959



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## The London Transport Executive.

1945-1985

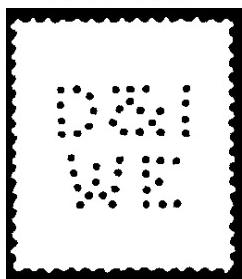


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Responsible for running the fleet of London buses and the underground railway system, it used the perfin with the initials "LT". The use of these initials for "London Transport" first started in the 1930s.

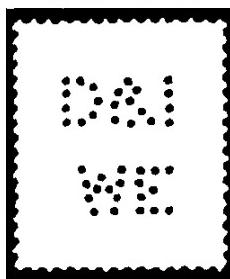
## The Docks & Inland Waterways Executive - used two dies with the initials "D&I/WE".

1948-1952



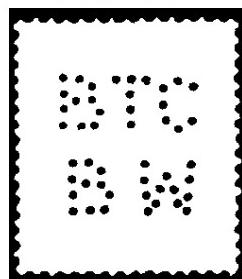
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1952-1962



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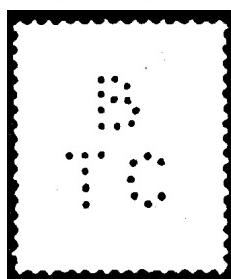
1953-1957



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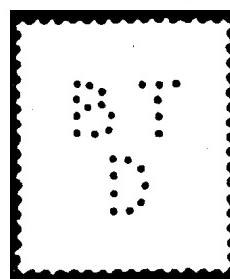
In 1953 the Inland Waterways interests were formed into a separate body called British Waterways, and used "BTC/BW". The 'Docks' portion appears to have continued using "D&I/WE" until the early 1960s when a new die "B/TC" was used at the Dock Offices, Goole.

1962-1963



B7110.01

1963-1975



B7150.02

The "BTC" was abolished in 1962 in favour of 'Boards', effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1963 - British Railways Board, British Transport Docks Board, British Waterways Board, and the London Transport Board. The British Transport Docks Board employed the perfin "BT/D" (B7150.02), known used at Grimsby & Goole